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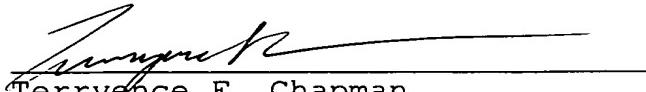
LETTER TO PATENT OFFICE

Sir:

Further to the Request for Continued Examination filed February 20, 2009, Applicants are enclosing herewith a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 in which additional tests are performed that illustrate the importance of the water-soluble nitrogen-containing polymer being present in the electroless copper plating solution of the present invention. In order to show that the presently claimed invention is not limited to polyethylene amine and polyacrylamide as the water-soluble nitrogen-containing polymer as it uses polyvinyl pyrrolidone as the water-soluble nitrogen-containing polymer and produces excellent results. Example 8 in the enclosed Declaration shows that the electroless copper plating solution can be used to deposit copper on substrates other than a silicon wafer having a tantalum nitride film and still produce excellent results.

Reconsideration of the present application is
respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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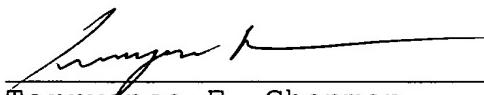
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